

**EXAMINING BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS,  
HYDROLOGISTS AND SOIL SCIENTISTS  
MINUTES  
MADISON, WISCONSIN  
TELEPHONE CONFERENCE MEETING  
OCTOBER 19, 1999**

**PRESENT:** David Mickelson (until 9:28), Patrick McGuire, E. Jerry Tyler, Fred Birts, Tracy Benzel, Roger Hall, Herb Garn; Joan Underwood (joined at 9:12), Robert Karnauskas (joined at 9:10); Thomas Evans and Wayne Lindgren in person.

**EXCUSED:** Stephen Donohue

**STAFF PRESENT:** Pamela Haack for portions of the meeting, Alfred Hall and Becky Fry; Bill Black, Legal Counsel

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Patrick McGuire, Secretary. A quorum of 9 members was present at the commencement of the meeting.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Tom Evans moved, seconded by Roger Hall, to approve the agenda as published. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES (9/9/99 & 6/23/99)**

**MOTION:** Wayne Lindgren moved, seconded by Thomas Evans, to approve the minutes, as written. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

**Secretary Cummings' Report**

Secretary Cummings was not available to appear before the Board.

**ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**

**Proposed Rules Relating to Creation of GHSS 1-5 Regarding the Licensure and Regulation of Professional Geologists, professional Hydrologists and Professional Soil Scientists (10/05/99)**

- **Recommended Revision to Proposed Rules, 10/14/99, Hall**

Bill Black reviewed the concerns of the individuals who wrote regarding the exemption from licensure for wetland scientists.

Bill Black read his legal memo to the GHSS Board regarding recommendations for the creation of GHSS 1.06. He explained that the GHSS Board is without statutory power to define practice areas within the scope of the wetland science discipline and therefore has no statutory power to grant an exemption utilizing a private organization's certification.

Some Board members indicated that the modification to the rules has gone far enough and this request is further encroachment upon the practices of both soil scientists and hydrologists and they are not in favor of any further modification.

**MOTION:** Joan Underwood moved, seconded by Thomas Evans, to accept Legal Counsel's recommendation and rationale of the October 19, 1999 memo, stating that the Examining Board of Professional Geologists, Hydrologists, and Soil Scientists has no statutory authority to modify the current proposed rule and no further action will be taken. Motion carried unanimously.

Alfred Hall will draft a letter, on behalf of the Board, to be sent to the Legislative Standing Committee explaining the rationale for the Board's decision.

Alfred Hall advised the Board of the recommendation of the Office of Examination for deletion of extraneous language in GHSS 2.06(7)(b), 3.05(7)(b) and 4.05(7)(b) passing scores.

**MOTION:** Thomas Evans moved, seconded by Wayne Lindgren, to delete the extraneous language in GHSS 2.06(7)(b), 3.05(7)(b) and 4.05(7)(b) passing scores. Motion carried unanimously.

### **PRACTICE ISSUES**

Nothing to report.

### **EXAMINATION ISSUES**

Nothing to report.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The Board discussed dates for the next meeting. The final adoption of rules relating to the creation of GHSS 1-5 will be held on Thursday, November 18, 1999, by telephone conference.

The Board discussed the consistency of years of experience for the fundamentals exam indicated in the proposed rules for each section.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Thomas Evans moved, seconded by Fred Birts, to adjourn the meeting at 10:17 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.